

Lebanon Charter Commission
Special Meeting
March 23, 2014
6:30pm
Town Hall
Minutes

1. The meeting was convened at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall by J. Bendoraitis.
Members present: J. Bendoraitis, K. LaPorte, L. Johnson, A. Wayland, P. Myers, J. Daviau, E. Macauley
Absent: T. Meyer
Also present: Town Attorney Catherine Marrion and Selectmen J. Okonuk & L. Finelli as this was a joint meeting between the Charter Commission and Board of Selectmen.
2. Motion to approve minutes of meeting of March 12, 2015 by A. Wayland, 2nd by P. Myers.
Vote: yes unanimous
- 3.1 Selectman L. Finelli questioned the draft report to the Board of Selectmen on page 14, in the section titled "General features and transition" #1 the Planning & Zoning Commission is addressed in each of the last 2 sentences in that paragraph. The Charter Commission agreed it was a typo and the second of those occurrences should address the Zoning Board of Appeals. The draft report will be corrected.

Selectman L. Finelli expressed concern over the Charter's mention of the Commission on Children & Families. It was explained that the Charter Commission operated on a principle that the Commission would not recommend the dissolution of any agency of the town that was established by ordinance. Since the Commission on Children & Families was established by local ordinance, even though it is currently inactive, the Charter Commission included it as part of the description of the organizational structure of town government. That does NOT mean that the Commission on Children & Families is mandated by the Charter to be reactivated.

Selectman L. Finelli also questioned why the minority representation rules were changed for the Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). It was explained that both agencies operate with different minority representation rules than state statute minority representation rules. The Charter Commission operated on a principle of establishing uniformity in the operation of municipal agencies unless there were clear compelling reason to act differently. As no reason were discovered for these differences, the Charter Commission recommends that the PZC & ZBA operate in conformance with state statutes with regard to minority representation.
- 3.2 The Commission agreed to attend the Public Hearing to be scheduled by the Board of Selectmen for Monday, March 30. It was also agreed to schedule a special meeting for Tuesday, March 31, to coincide with the Board of Selectmen meeting to be scheduled for the same time and to consider any recommendations for changes by the Board of Selectmen at that meeting.

It was also agreed to cancel the regular meeting of the Commission scheduled for Thursday, March 26.

4. see 3.2 above.
5. Motion to adjourn by A. Wayland, 2nd by P. Myers. Vote – unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
John Bendoraitis
Secretary